

Luke 10:17-21

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ So He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

²¹ At that time, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and declared, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was well-pleasing in Your sight.

Berean Study Bible

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Finding joy in my journey. Luke 10:17-21

The joy of action. 10:17-19

Obedience gives opportunity. 17 “with joy and said”

Obedience gives victory. 18 “Satan fall”

Obedience gives authority. 19 “authority to”

The joy of salvation. 10:20

Joy is not in the heights I gain. 20a “do not rejoice”

Joy is in the heights I am given. 20b “your names”

Joy is in the heights I will be granted. 20c “written in heaven”

The joy of revelation. 10:21

I have much that I am yet to discover. 21 “hidden”

I have much that I am yet to re-learn. 21 “revealed”

I have much that I am yet to celebrate. 21 “well-pleasing”

2

Smile. Luke 10:17-21

It's good to be happy. 10:17-20a

I'm happy when I control my circumstances. 17a “returned”

I'm happy when I control others. 17b,20a “submit to”

It's better to be joyful. 10:20b-21

I'm joyful when God is in control. 20b,21 “written... You have...”

I'm joyful when God shares control. 21b “revealed them”

School Report Card, "Could do better". Luke 10:17-21

Have done good. 10:17-20a

I had the right attitude. 17a "with joy"

I did the right things. 17b "demons"

I used the right way. 17c "in Your name"

Have done best. 10:20b

I have eternal celebration. 20a "rejoice"

I have eternal salvation. 20b "names are written"

I have an eternal destination. 20c "in Heaven"

Can do even better. 10:21

I join the rejoicing through the Spirit. 21a "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit"

I join the praise through Lordship. 21b "praise You, Father, Lord..."

I join the family through faith. 21c "revealed to children"

I'm amazed at what I can do. Luke 10:17-21

My program. 10:17

My responsibility. 9 "heal... tell them", Matthew 28:18-20 "go..."

My results. 17, 20 "demons submit", James 4:7 "and he will flee"

My power. 10:17-19

My power comes out of eternity. 17 "in Your name"

My power impacts all of eternity. 18 "Satan fall"

My privilege. 10:20

My present confidence. 20a "are written"

My eternal confidence. 20b "in Heaven"

My praise. 10:21

I am singing with Jesus. 21a "Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit... 'I praise...'"

I am singing for the Father. 21b "I praise You, Father, Lord"

I am not a victim. I am a victor! Luke 10:17-21

I fight and win. 10:17-20a

I win, when I stick to the agenda. 9 "heal... tell them"

I win, when I obey the rules. 17b "in Your name"

I relax and have peace. 10:20

Past victories give me confidence. 20a "the spirits submit to you"
Past victories give me peace. 20b "your names are written in Heaven"

I look and I learn. 10:21

I discover, when I am God's child. 21b "revealed to little children"

I delight, when I am God's child. 21c "well-pleasing"

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Just a little talk with Jesus (song title). Luke 10:17-21

Jesus and me in conversation. 10:17-20

I talk to Jesus. 17 "and said"

Jesus talks about me. 18 "I saw..."

Jesus talks to me. 19 "See, I have given you..."

Jesus talks for me. 20 "written in Heaven"

Jesus and the Father in conversation. 10:21

Jesus talks with attitude. 21a "Jesus rejoiced"

Jesus talks with truth. 21a "in the Holy Spirit"

Jesus talks with thanks. 21b "I praise you, Father..."

Jesus talks with hope and faith. 21c "You have... pleasing in Your sight"

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Making a good life even better. Luke 10:17-21

Thriving in this world. 10:17-20

Take on the big Mission. 17 "returned with joy"

Take on the winnable war. 18 "even the demons submit"

Take on the Word with faith. 19 "See, I have given to you"

Take on the Divine perspective. 20 "rejoice... in Heaven"

Thriving out from eternity. 10:21

Be connected with Jesus. 21a "At this time, Jesus"

Be connected with the Spirit. 21a "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit"

Be connected with the Father. 21a "I praise You, Father"

Be connected with the church. 21b "little children"

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How to make your life count. Luke 10:17-21

Find your Mission all around you. 17 "returned with joy"

Find your success in Jesus. 18 "in Your name"
Find your strength by faith. 19 "See, I have given to you"
Find your stability in Heaven. 20 "rejoice... in Heaven"
Find your companionship with Jesus. 21a "At this time, Jesus"
Find your joy in the Holy Spirit. 21a "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit"
Find your direction in the Father. 21a "I praise You, Father"
Find your purpose the church. 21b "revealed to little children"

9

You'll never walk alone. Luke 10:17-21

Look who is beneath your feet.

My place is secure in Jesus' name. 17 "in Your name" Ephesians 2:6

My place is secure in God's Word. 18 "I saw Satan fall" Luke 4:4,8,12, James 4:7

Look who is above your head.

I need listen to Divine. 21a "Jesus rejoiced... and declared"

I need to celebrate the Divine. 21a "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit"

I need to submit to the Divine. 21 "I praise You, Father, Lord... You have..."

Look who is by your side.

I am surrounded by those who need help. 17, 9 "heal... tell them"

I am surrounded by those who cannot see the invisible. 21 "hidden these things"

I am surrounded by those who need to change. 21 "revealed them to little children"

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Do you want to make God sad, mad, or glad? Luke 10:17-21

We are pleased when we discover what God shows us. Luke 10:17

I need to know why I am here. 17a "joy... demons submit"

I need to know how I am here. 17b "in Your name"

Jesus is pleased when we discover what He tells us. Luke 10:18-20

Listening to Jesus sharpens my mind. 18 "Satan fall"

Listening to Jesus strengthens my faith. 19 "I have given you"

Listening to Jesus stabilises my heart. 20 "do not rejoice... but rejoice..."

God is pleased when we discover what He shows us. Luke 10:21

I still have much to learn. 21 "You have hidden these things from..."

I need the attitude to learn. 21 "revealed them to little children"

Other possible titles

In Jesus' name. Luke 10:17 "in Your name"
Lightning struck. Luke 10:18 "Satan fall like lightning"
S-S-S Snakes, Scorpions, and Satan. v19
Jesus the killjoy. Luke 10:20 "do not rejoice"
Grumpy Jesus, or Happy Jesus. Luke 10:21 "Jesus rejoiced"
What is written in the books? Luke 10:20 "written in Heaven"
Pray like Jesus prayed. Luke 10:21
Playing hide and seek with Joy.
Keep the main thing, the main thing.
Look up, but watch your feet.
Jesus jumps for joy!
Right rejoicing.
On the job training.
This is what success looks like.
The greatest joy in the whole world.
You can have authority like them.
Winners and losers.
You've got reasons to rejoice.
I misplaced my joy. Please help me find it.
Wipe that grin all over your face.
This will knock the devil off his perch.
Zowie! Thy Kingdom really has come!
Surprise Jesus. Give Him a present He will treasure.
Have a happy heart.
Winning the war.
You can be the devil's worst nightmare.
You can be as joyful as you choose.

Music and Songs

Songs of joy, or celebration

Celebrate Jesus,
Come let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Make a joyful noise,
Teach me to dance,

Songs about overcoming, or victory

I'm a conqueror and victorious
Through our God we shall do valiantly (Victory Song), SiS 320

Songs about our names written in Heaven

He wrote my name
Is my name written in the book of life
There's a new name written down in glory (Charity Gayle)
A new name in glory (C. Austin Miles)

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/402509285418524912/visual-search/?cropSource=6&h=671&w=530&x=16&y=16>

Thought starters for personal reflection or group study

1. What makes children happy? What made you happy as a child?
2. Why do you think the Greek words for Grace, Joy, and Rejoicing are closely related?
3. Romans 12:15 contains two very different thoughts. How is it possible to do both of these? How is it possible to do both without being hypocritical?
4. Philippians 4:4 is very emphatic. What is it trying to emphasise; and how do we put it into practice?
5. The disciples returned with joy (Luke 10:17). What had Jesus sent them out to do (v9)? What was the bigger picture the disciples could not see, but Jesus could (v18)? What did Jesus mean (v18)?
6. Jesus told them (v20) not to rejoice for the reason they thought (v17) but to rejoice over something else (v20). Why was that more exciting for Him?

Inversion parallelism. Luke 10:17-20

- A1. Return with joy, 17a
 - A2. Demons submit, 17b
 - A3. Satan fall, 18
 - B3. Authority over, 19
 - B2. Spirits submit, 20a
- B1. Rejoice name written, 20b

Key words

“joy” v17 χαρά [Strong's 5479] delight, gladness, joy, awareness (of God's) grace. A cognate with χάρις [Strong's 5485] grace, as a gift or blessing, favour, kindness. 59 occurrences, including: Matthew 2:10, Luke 2:10, Luke 15:7,10, John 15:11, John 16:22,24, John 17:13.

“rejoice” v20, 20 χαίρω [Strong's 5463] rejoice, be glad, favourably disposed, leaning towards. A cognate with χάρις [Strong's 5485] grace, as a gift or blessing, favour, kindness. 74 occurrences, including: Matthew 2:10, Luke 1:14, Luke 15:5,32, John 4:36, John 8:56.

“rejoice” v21 ἀγαλλιάω [Strong's 21] exult, rejoice greatly. A combination word comprised of a) αἶψα, much, very. + b) ἄλλομαι [Strong's 242] jump, leap, leap up; of water: spring up, bubble up; 3 other occurrences: John 4:14, Acts 3:8, 14:10. Therefore, being so glad one jumps in celebration.

“submit” v17, 20 ὑποτάσσω [Strong's 5293] to place or rank under, to subject, to obey. A combination word made up of: ὑπό [Strong's 5259] "under" + τάσσω [Strong's 5021] arrange, properly "under God's arrangement," i.e. submitting to the Lord.

“authority” v19 ἐξουσία [Strong's 1849] authority, power to act. A combination word consisting of ἐκ, ἐξ [Strong's 1537] out from; + εἰμί [Strong's 1510] I am, I exist, to be; being as a right or privilege. Hence, conferred power, delegated empowerment, authorization, permission to operate in a designated jurisdiction.

“and” v19 “snakes”, and “scorpions”, and “power” are connected by the repeated use of the word “and” making these three equal with each other. They are to be accepted as real entities, but they should not be confused with literal items. These are real, but not literal, expressions “of the enemy”. Therefore, this is not justification for handling literal snakes and scorpions as expressions of faith or worship.

“well-pleasing” v21 εὐδοκία [Strong's 2107] delight, favour, good, good pleasure, good-will. 9 occurrences in the New Testament, inc. Luke 2:14; Ephesians 1:5,9; Philippians 2:13.

Examples, quotes, and illustrations

The Jewish Encyclopedia tells us that no language has as many words for joy and rejoicing as does the language of the Old Testament Hebrew. In the Old Testament there are 13 Hebrew language roots, used in 27 different words. They are primarily used for some aspect of joy or joyful participation in worshipping God. Kaufmann Kohler

There are few things quite so boring as being religious, but there is nothing quite so exciting as being a Christian! Major Ian Thomas

There are those who have a life they never live. They have come to Christ and thanked Him only for what He did, but do not live in the power of who He is. Major Ian Thomas

Hell is empty and all the devils are here. William Shakespeare

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. John Piper

I don't care where it is, what part of the world it's in, if we have a praise church we'll have successful Christianity. Dwight L. Moody

If we would talk more about the Lord and praise Him, we would have less time to talk about ourselves. M.R. DeHaan

Whatever troubles are weighing you down are not chains. They are featherweight when compared to the glory yet to come. With a sweep of a prayer and the praise of a child's heart, God can strip away any cobweb. Joni Eareckson Tada

We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction. Harry Ironside

Did Jesus say that he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven? Yes! When did this happen? Interpreters are divided. Was it the moment Satan rebelled and God cast him out of heaven? Was it the moment Jesus was conceived with the express purpose of conquering Satan? Was it when Jesus defeated Satan in the wilderness? Or maybe Jesus was looking to

the future, to the cross where he would crush Satan once and for all. Any and all of those may be true. But the point is not when it happened, but how. The disciples were overjoyed that they were able to drive out demons in Jesus' name. That's the key in this context. Jesus is telling disciples of all times that wherever and whenever His name (really the Gospel) is proclaimed, Satan falls from power, he loses his control, he is defeated.

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